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1. "The following observations date to Aug 52.

Organization of the Albanian Labor Party

2. "The Albanian Labor Party is the Communist Party of the country. A schematic diagram of its organization will simplify this report [see next page].

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Komitetti Gendoror Partis Punes Shqiprise
Blv. Shqipria e Re, Tirane

(a) Elbasan
Korce
Pogradec
Durres
Sarande
Lushnje
Tepelena
Vlona
Berat
Kruje
Kavaje
Permet
Shkodra
Fier
Gjinokaster
Peshkopi
Shkoder
Mitrovica
Puka
Leshe
Kukes

(b) Blcaj, Kala e Dodes, Krume, Shistavec, Pan

(c) Golaj, Trektan, Helshan, Vranishte

(a) Komiteti Partis Punes Rrethit-Tirane
Rr. Fusha Tiranet

Komitetti Partis Punes Qytetit-Tirane
Rr. Burresit

(b) Organigjata Base Partis Punes - Rajoni 1
Rr. Gemal Stafa

Org. Baze Partis Punes - Rajoni 2
Rr. Derrnikadavet

Org. Baze Partis Punes -
Rajoni 3
Rr. Radio Tiranës

LEGEND

Rethit - region
Qytetit - city

(a) Committees of the Labor Party for the City of Tirana, the Region of Tirana and for each of the other regions of Albania. Thus, the Komiteti Partis Rethit - Kukes, for the region of Kukes.

(b) Party Basic Organizations, located in any locality of a region (diagram shows those for Kukes) and also in the three city sectors (rajon) of Tirana — only Tirana is divided into sectors (three)

(c) Basic Organization of the Party in various villages (Katundit). There is not a Party organization in every Albanian village. Thus (as shown in the diagram), of the 13 villages administratively subordinate to the locality of Krume in the Kukes region, only two have Party organizations. The criterion is the number of Party members in the village — the requisite minimum is five.

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3. "I do not know all the sections within the Central Committee of the Party. I do know that they include:

Sek. Kuadrit (Personnel Section) -- Controls all movements of citizens within the field of labor, their jobs. It directly supervises the Shefit Personelit (Personnel Directors) of all State institutions, plants, ministries etc.

Sek. Arsimit (Education)
 Sek. Organizacionit (Organization)
 Sek. Kuotizacionit
 Sek. Agjitpropriet (Agitprop Section)
 Sek. Shtypit (Press)

4. "The regional Party committees include the following sections:

Sek. Kuadrit
 Sek. Organizacion
 Sek. Kuotizacionit
 Sek. Agjitpropriet
 Sek. Inspektorit (Inspection; this section supervises the Party organizations in localities and villages)
 Sek. Financa (Finance)
 Sek. Pionieri (Pioneers; organization for boys and girls aged 7-15)
 Sek. Rinis (Youth; organization for young men and women aged 16-27)
 Sek. Grues (Party organization for married women)

Procedure for Joining the Labor Party

5. "The last (to my knowledge) 'verification' of members of the Albanian Labor Party took place 1949 - Jan 51. After that date enlistment in the Party was 'opened'.

6. "Citizens are neither required nor urged to join the Party. During the political meetings in plants, institutions etc. people are not directly urged to join the Party. It is up to Party members and candidates to prepare other persons through propaganda. Then a Party member or candidate may advise another person indirectly to file an application to join the Party.

7. "The initial procedure for joining the Party is as follows -- for example I shall take the case of an elementary teacher in the village of Letaj in the Kukos region.

- (a) Previous membership in the Organizata e Rinis, the Party's youth organization, is a distinct advantage but, according to Statute, not vital.
- (b) It is necessary to have a good (in Communist eyes) social origin and to have performed a certain amount of activity for the Party.
- (c) An applicant must find two members of the Albanian Labor Party (not candidates) who are willing to sign a Garanci Partije (Guarantee for the Party) on behalf of the applicant. The two members of the Party must fill the following requirements: one must have been a Party member at least two years; the other must have been a Party member five years; they must not be immediate relatives (parent, brother, sister) of the applicant. They may live in any part of Albania. The Garanci Partije is written on a normal piece of paper. A typical one would contain the following:

UP

GARANCI - PARTIJE

LP

Uno i Nenshkuemi Hassan Hysen Antay partiye i vjetit:
 1949, i organizates base te partise: Kompanati Stalin, leshoj kete
 garanci per te qojtuninper hyrje ne parti.

GARANTUEI

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[translation]

VF (Death to Fascism)

IP (Freedom to Peoples)

GUARANTEE FOR THE PARTY

I, the undersigned, Hagan Hysen, member of the Party since 1949, belonging to the Basic Organization Kombinat Stalin, issue this guarantee to in order for him to join the Party.

The Guarantor
(signature) AP (Party Member)
Firm

date

(d) The applicant must also file a written application to the nearest Organization Basic Party. For a resident of the village of Letaj the nearest is in the village of Golaj [see diagram on page 27]. The Org. Raze (inis in Golaj) serves the villages of Dobrume, Zylfaj, Nole, Nikolic and Letaj. The applicant prepares his application, either handwritten or typewritten, on a normal sheet of paper. The translation of a typical application might read as follows:

To: Basic Organization of the Labor Party, Golaj:

I, the undersigned, elementary school teacher in Votsi,, do herewith present my application:

I was born in 1930, have lived with my family in Tirana and come from a poor family of that city. In the War of National Liberation I gave the maximum of my energies to liberate my country from the occupants and traitors of our Mother Land. After the Liberation I worked with the people's youth for the resurrection of the Mother Land along the road to Socialism, as laid down by the leaders of the revolutionary proletariat: Lenin and Stalin.

The directives issued by the Albanian Labor Party, a Party born in the most critical moments of our nation, have taught me how the Mother Land can be free and independent, have taught me to hail and follow the great Bolshevik Party, have taught me to honor and support all progressive parties and their leaders and those leaders who fight for the cause of the peoples throughout the capitalist countries, where the people's blood is sucked.

Therefore, I have come to realize that the Party means Peace, Life and Light. I do herewith promise to work and direct all my efforts for the sake of the Party. I promise to sacrifice my own life for the heroic Party and for its Secretary, Enver Hoxha. I express here my desire to join the Party, which I have hoped for years to do. If the Party will give the opportunity to join, I will dedicate all my life to its aims.

Hoping that the Basic Organization of the Party in Golaj will consider my application, I attach hereto the Guarantees.

I remain with hope,
Respectfully,
(signature)

Place and date.

6. The application with guarantees is handed to the secretary of the proper Party organization. The members of a Basic Party Organization, e.g. in Golaj, meet once a month at sessions called Mledhja e Partise. These meetings are attended by Party members, and by candidates who participate in the debates but may not vote. The subjects include new Party members. The secretary will read the application

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and invite comments and criticisms from the other members. After discussion the members vote on the applicant. If the application receives an 'opinion-positiv' (affirmative opinion), the Proces-Verbal (report of resolutions) of the meeting includes a paragraph to that effect. The application is attached to the Proces-Verbal and forwarded to the Sekcioni Organizacionit of the region, the 'Holai' application goes to Vukza. Enrollment in the Party is cleared through the regional Committees of the Labor Party, not the Basic Organizations in the localities. The Proces-Verbal is signed by the Secretary of the Basic Organization which has prepared it.

9. "The Committee of the Labor Party for the region studies the application carefully, investigates the applicant and, I believe, requests additional information through Party channels, the Ryroja Politike (Political Bureau) of the Committee. This takes about one month. Then the members of the regional Committee meet and vote in the same way as above. If the application is approved, the Central Committee of the Labor Party in Tirana is informed accordingly. The applicant is informed through the Secretary of the Basic Party Organization where he filed his original application.

10. "The approved applicant thus becomes a Kandidat Partie (candidate Party member). I believe that he must prepare a curriculum vitae for the Secretary of the Basic Organization. The Secretary gives the Party candidate his identification Card for the Party (Tesera e Partis). The Tesera e Partis for a candidate is blue, approximately 8 x 5 cms, and bears a picture of the holder. The Tesera e Partis for a full Party member is red, the same size. I believe that the Tesera e Partis is signed only by the 'Sekretari i pergjithshem per Kudrot' (Responsible secretary of the Kedri) of the Central Committee of the Party in Tirana, in 1952 Tuk Jashova. Thus the Tesera e Partis is actually issued by the Central Committee of the Party, not by a regional committee.

11. "A Kandidat Partie spends two years in that capacity, before becoming a full member. The candidates carry the Tesera e Partis in a special pocket in their drawers, the same way as full members: these pockets are made of leather or nylon and are seen in the rear right-hand side of the bearer's drawers. Loss of the Tesera e Partis, by a member or candidate, brings no fine or punishment, but the loss is registered as a bad mark in the file on the person which is maintained by the Central Committee in Tirana. The person reports his loss to the Secretary of the Basic Party Organization on which he depends. He eventually gets a new one. According to statute, three bad marks in the personal file of a member or candidate lead to eviction from the Party.

12. "While the decision of approval or disapproval on a Party applicant -- if he is an ordinary citizen (who in the past has never performed any political activity directly or indirectly) -- rests really with the regional committees, the decision for a person with a political past -- Fascist, Nationalist, Zogist, Ballist etc. -- rests with the Central Committee of the Labor Party in Tirana. The applications are forwarded to that body by the regional committees.

13. "Thus, the requirements for application to join the Labor Party are the same for everybody, but the destination of the original application varies with the type of applicant:

- (a) A person within the Government's field of labor must file the application with the Secretary of the Basic Party Organization of the main institution, ministry, plant etc. where he is employed, no matter where he actually lives. This procedure holds true throughout Albania.
- (b) A person not within the Government's field of labor must, if he lives in Tirana or any regional capital, file the application with the Këshilli Komunales (city sub-sector) to which he is responsible. If he lives in a locality, e.g. Vuno, he files the application with the Organizata Koma Partis there. Farmers or other residents of villages file applications with the Organizata Koma Partis upon which the village depends."

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